

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SANTIA 00916 112019Z

64

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10

AID-05 PC-01 /070 W

----- 112206

R 111755Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2130

INFO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

CINCSOUTH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANATIAGO 0916

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CI, BL, PFOR, PE

SUBJECT: CHILE AND BOLIVIA RENEW RELATIONS

REF: SANTIAGO 0464

1. SUMMARY. RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN SINCE 1962 BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE, BY "ACT OF CHARANA" SIGNED FEB 8 BETWEEN PRESIDENTS BANZER AND PINOCHET, HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION BUT NO SURPRISE IN CHILE. AGREEMENT NOTES ETERNAL BOLIVIAN CONCERN FOR LANDLOCKED SITUATION, BUT COMMITS CHILE TO DO NO MORE THAN CARRY ON "DIALOGUE" ON MATTER. ON BALANCE, CHILE SEEMS TO HAVE PAID LITTLE FOR A USEFUL GAIN IN ITS DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERS TO DETER THE NEIGHBOR WHO IS OF REAL CONCERN: PERU. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING OF PRESIDENTS BANZER AND PINOCHET AT THE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SANTIA 00916 112019Z

FRONTIER STATION OF CHARANA ON FEB 8 FEATURED NEWS

STORY OVER WEEKEND IN SANTIAGO MEDIA. RENEWAL OF RELATIONS BROKEN SINCE 1962 OVER CHILEAN DIVERSION OF WATERS OF LAUCA RIVER WAS MET WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CALM SATISFACTION AND LITTLE SURPRISE. PRESS REPORTS THAT EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS IS IMMINENT, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER TELLS US CHILEANS ARE NOW BUSY WORKING ON FOLLOW-UP.

3. ONE NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE NEXT "OFFICIAL CONTACT" BETWEEN GOB AND GOC WILL TAKE PLACE AT COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA, IN LAST HALF OF FEB. DELEGATIONS OF TWO GOVTS WILL "WORK ON" AGREEMENTS (PLURAL--SIC) SIGNED AT CHARANA MEETING. MUTUAL INVITATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISITS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED.

4. EDITORIALS IN LEADING PAPERS "EL MERCURIO" AND "LA TERCERA" MADE CLEAR THAT PRIMARY INTEREST OF CHILEANS IS NOT RPT NOT RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA AS SUCH. MERCURIO PRAISES STATESMANSHIP OF PRES. PINOCHET IN COMBATING INTERNATIONAL MARXISM'S "IDEOLOGICAL BLOCKADE" OF CHILE BY IMPROVING CHILE'S REGIONAL RELATIONS. PINOCHET HIMSELF MADE POINT CLEAR ON RETURN TO SANTIAGO FEB 9 WHEN HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AGREEMENT WITH BOLIVIA IS "...A DEMONSTRATION TO THE WORLD THAT CHILE WANTS PROBLEMS WITH ONE AND MUCH LESS WITH ITS NEIGHBORING BROTHERS." TERCERA EDITORIALIZED THAT PINOCHET AND ARMED FORCES HAD BEEN ABLE TO TERMINATE PROBLEM WITH SUCCESSIVE "POLITICAL" GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE. IT ALSO NOTED THAT "WITHOUT IN ANY MANNER SIGNIFYING AN EXIT TO THE SEA...", THE AGREEMENT REITERATES THE CHILEAN "DECISION" TO CONCEDE THE MOST AMPLE ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND FACILITATES FOR TRANSIT OF BOLIVIAN COMMERCE. "THUS THOSE WHO FEAR SECRET ACCORDS OR OTHER HIDDEN FORMULAS BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS MAY REST EASY."

5. IN MEANTIME, PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY AUGUSTO ZIMMERMAN VISITED ARICA BETWEEN FEB 6 AND 8 TO MEET PRES PINOCHET (LIMA 1071). GENERAL ASSUMPTION HERE IS THAT HE CAME TO TALK ABOUT A MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE BETWEEN PRESIDENTS VELASCO AND PINOCHET.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 SANTIAGO 00916 112019Z

6. COMMENT. WE JUDGE THAT PINOCHET'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS ARE MEETING WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS. BOLIVIA IS OF MINOR CONCERN TO GOC IN ITSELF, AND WHILE GOB MAY GAIN SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN "ECONOMIC ACCESS" TO THE SEA, GOC HAS WON A MAJOR POINT FROM BOLIVIA WITHOUT HAVING (APPARENTLY) TO RESPOND TO BOLIVIAN DREAMS OF TERRITORIAL ACCESS. RENEWAL OF RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA IS MEANT TO DEMONSTRATE TO WORLD

THAT MILITARY REGIME IN CHILE IS PEACEFUL AND REASONABLE,
AND TO TIP PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL SCALE AT LEAST A BIT
AGAINST PERU, WHICH REMAINS WORRY NUMBER ONE.
POPPER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, PRESS COMMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SANTIA00916
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750050-0276
From: SANTIAGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750253/aaaabvua.tel
Line Count: 119
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 SANTIAGO 0464
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <03 SEP 2003 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CHILE AND BOLIVIA RENEW RELATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, CI, BL, PE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006